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APPLICATION NO: 09/955,381
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FOR: USE OF GABA B RECEPTOR LIGANDS FOR THE TREATMENT
OF NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

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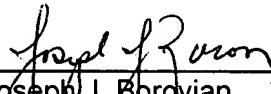
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We also enclose copies of USP 5,332,729 and USP 5,424,441, which are family members of EP 0569333 (which is in the German language) and of USP 5,214,063, which is a family member of EP 0463969 (which is in the French language). In addition, enclosed is the corresponding Derwent Abstract of French Patent 2,722,192.

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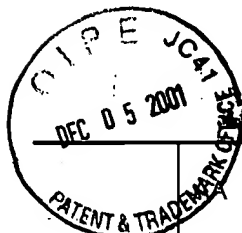
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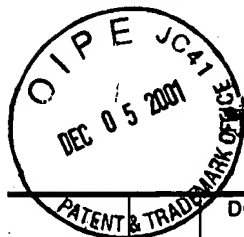
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